months for providing assistance to generate atomic energy in India;

(b) if so, the date on which this agreement was signed;

(c) whether talks were held during the Prime Minister's recent visit to Russia for implementation of this agreement;

(d) if so, the facts in this regard;

(e) whether agreement or talks with other organizations of the world is necessary for implementation of above agreement; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) During the visit of President Putin of the Russian Federation to India during January 2007, it was agreed to expand Indo-Russian co-operation in the field of atomic energy. A Memorandum of intent between the Department of Atomic Energy, the Government of the Republic of India and Federal Atomic Energy Agency, the Russian Federation, on development of cooperation in the construction of 4 additional nuclear power plant units at Kudankulam site as well as in the construction of Russian design nuclear power plants at new sites in the Republic of India was signed on 25.1.2007 during the visit.

(c) and (d) Discussions are taking place for finalizing the Inter Governmental Agreement (IGA) between Russia and India.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. Any Agreement for civil nuclear co-operation with a country that is a member of Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) can be implemented only after NSG exemption for India.

Nuclear power plant in Orissa

1012. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a site has been identified by the Centre for setting up a 6,000 mw nuclear power plant in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it would be the largest nuclear power plant in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir. While the Site Selection Committee (SSC) of the Government has evaluated the potential of sites in different States including Orissa, no decision has been taken.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.